

Washington State Credentialing Requirements

Psychologist (Chapter 18.83 RCW, 246-924 WAC)

Type of Credential:

License

DOH Contact:

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Credentialing Requirements	Verification Documents Obtained
<p>Completion of a doctoral degree from a regionally accredited institution. The doctoral degree program must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 40 semester hours, or 60 quarter hours, of graduate courses in curriculum areas described in WAC 246-924-046. Courses must be clearly identified by title and course content as being part of an integrated psychology program.• One year in residency.• Submission of an original dissertation which is psychological in nature and endorsed by the program; and• An organized, sequential and coordinated practicum and internship experience and internship experience as described in WAC 246-924-049 and WAC 246-924-056.	<p>Official transcript with degree and date posted, received directly from applicant's program. Transcripts not in English must have an official translation.</p>
<p>Must have one year or 750 hours in residency and a 300 hour practicum.</p>	<p>Minimum of three professional reference forms must be completed by pre or post-doctoral supervisor and returned directly to the department. Program staff verifies that internship has been accredited by either regional accreditation or APA.</p>

<p>Experience - Applicants are required to verify a total of 3300 hours of supervision.</p> <p>Pre-internship</p> <p>The pre-internship occurs between the practicum required by WAC 246-924-049 and internship required by WAC 246-924-056. A pre-internship can include up to 1500 hours of supervised experience, but is not required.</p> <p>Internship</p> <p>Applicants must complete an internship as part of the doctoral degree program. The internship must include at least 1500 hours of supervised experience and be completed within 24 months. The internship program must be accredited by the American Psychological Association; or be a member of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers. If the program is not accredited by the APA or APPIC member, it must meet the requirements listed in WAC 246-924-056.</p> <p>Post-Doctoral Supervise Experience</p> <p>If 3000 hours of supervised experience has not been completed at the end of the doctoral degree program, then up to 1500 hours of supervised post-doctoral experience can be used to satisfy the total requirement. Post-doctoral supervised experience must be completed only if an applicant does not already have 3000 hours of supervised experience.</p>	<p>Minimum of three professional reference forms must be completed by pre or post-doctoral supervisor and returned directly to the department. Program staff verifies that internship has been accredited by either regional accreditation or APA.</p>
<p>State licensure verification</p>	<p>Applicant lists all states where credentials are or were held, including where applicant has applied but a credential was not granted. A verification form must be completed and submitted by the jurisdiction where the applicant is or was credentialed. Applicant sends form to jurisdiction for completion. The jurisdiction sends completed form directly to the department.</p>

<p>Statement about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • physical and mental health status • lack of impairment due to chemical dependency/substance abuse • history of loss of license, certification or registration • felony convictions • loss or limitations of privileges • disciplinary actions • professional liability claims history 	<p>Applicant must answer personal data questions. An appropriate explanation and required documentation must be sent with positive answers. If there is a positive answer to the professional liability claims history question, the applicant must send an explanation of the nature of the case, data and summary of care given, copies of the original complaint, and the settlement or final disposition. If pending, applicant must indicate status.</p>
<p>Exams</p> <p>Candidates taking the written exam will receive a scanable application form directly from the testing company, Professional Exam Services (PES). You complete the form and return it to PES along with the exam fee. After PES receives your application and fee, they will send you information about contacting the testing center through a toll free number to schedule your exam appointment.</p> <p>Once we have verification of your passing the EPPP and documentation of 3300 supervised hours, you will be scheduled for the jurisprudence exam.</p> <p>You will receive a letter letting you know of your eligibility and instructions on how to schedule your exam. Once you have been approved, you may schedule your test at your convenience.</p> <p>Washington State Jurisprudence Examination</p> <p>The Washington State Jurisprudence Examination is the last step in the licensure process. The exam is a multiple-choice, open book exam given monthly at the Department of Health, in Tumwater. Please see this link for more information.</p>	<p>If you have already passed the EPPP, we must receive official documentation of your exam scores.</p>

Additional Information/Documents Required

- HIV/AIDS training – seven hours
- Successfully passed national written examination (EPPP)- scores verified from appropriate organization/agency.
- Successfully passed the Washington State jurisprudence examination.

NOTE: Foreign applicants may have their transcripts translated and their education verified for content by a suggested credentialing agency.

Washington State Jurisprudence Examination

The Washington State Jurisprudence Examination will be administered after the applicant has passed the Examination of Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP), has completed their experience hours, and has met all requirements for a license.

The examination is a multiple-choice, open book examination administered monthly at the Department of Health.

You should know and understand each of the Washington Statutes and rules and how they relate to the practice of psychology in the state of Washington. Please see this [link](#) for more information.

Process for Approving/Denying Applications

Credentialing staff review the application and supporting documents to make an initial determination on eligibility. Credentialing supervisors approve applications that do not have positive answers to personal data questions, have questionable verifying documents, or are otherwise “red flag” applications. Red flag applications are forwarded to the exception application process for determination by the appropriate disciplining authority. An applicant will be formally notified of a denial and has the opportunity for a hearing.

Renewal Requirements

Psychologists must renew their license every year on or before their birthday. They are required to submit the appropriate fee and renewal card. Psychologists are required to complete 60 hours of continuing education every three years, four hours must be in ethics.